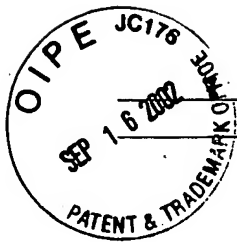


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Alois J.G. Aarts et al.)	Examiner:
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Serial No.: 10/047,449)	Art Unit: 1723
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Filed: January 14, 2002)	
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Title: PREPARATION OF SATIN WHITE)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION TO BEGIN PROSECUTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
WITHOUT THE SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR GEERT DIJKSTRA

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully petition the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.47(a) to begin prosecution of the above-referenced patent application without the declaration signature of inventor Geert Dijkstra. In support of the present petition, applicants are filing herewith in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts:

1. The Declaration of the available inventors on behalf of themselves and on behalf of the non-signing inventor,

2. The Declaration of Michael Severijn which provides the required factual proof that Mr. Dijkstra was provided a copy of the application, including the specification, claims and

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drawings and inventor oath and declaration with a request that Geert Dijkstra review the application and execute the inventor oath and declaration and assignment,

3. The Affidavit of Paul Steinhauser evidencing that Geert Dijkstra has refused to execute the declaration and the reasons therefore,

3. The last known address of Geert Dijkstra which is Bellefleur 9, Boskoop, The Netherlands, NL-2771 PG.

Pursuant to 35 USC 116, if a joint inventor refuses to join in an application for patent, the application may be made by the other inventor on behalf of himself and the omitted inventor. The Director, on proof of the pertinent facts and after such notice to the omitted inventor as he prescribes, may grant a patent to the inventor making the application, subject to the same rights which the omitted inventor would have had if he had been joined.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47, if a joint inventor refuses to join in an application for patent, the application may be made by the other inventor on behalf of himself or herself and the nonsigning inventor. The oath or declaration in such an application must be accompanied by a petition including proof of the pertinent facts, the fee set forth in section 1.17(h), and the last known address of the nonsigning inventor. Pursuant to MPEP 409.03(a), an oath or declaration signed by all the available joint inventors with the signature block of the nonsigning inventor(s) left blank may be treated as having been signed by all the available joint inventors on behalf of the nonsigning inventor(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.64.

Applicants respectfully submit that they have met the requirements of 37 CFR 1.47(a) to begin prosecution on the merits without the declaration signature of Geert Dijkstra. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Commissioner grant the present petition.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee of \$130.00 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 16, 2002

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